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-- 3. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 2 wherein a base of the cone-shaped body has a diameter of about 0.003 inch (0.08 mm). --

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-- 4. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein said distal tip of each skin penetrating element has a pointed shape. --

-- 5. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein each skin penetrating element has a length of about 0.012 inch (0.3 mm). --

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-- 6. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein the backing has a thickness in a range of about 0.003 to 0.008 inch (0.08 to 0.2 mm). --

-- 7. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein the at least one retention barb of each of said plurality of skin penetrating elements is located about 0.008 to 0.0095 inch (0.2 to 0.24 mm) along a length of the skin penetrating element from the backing. --

-- 8. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein the at least one retention barb of each of said plurality of said skin penetrating elements has a length of about 0.0001 inch (0.003 mm). --

-- 9. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein the at least one retention barb of each of said plurality of skin penetrating elements tapers from a thickness of about 0.0001 inch (0.0003 mm) to a point at an angle of about 72 degrees. --

-- 10. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of skin penetrating elements includes two of said barbs. --

-- 11. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 having a density of about 400 skin penetrating elements in a 0.1 inch² (65 mm²) area. --

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-- 12. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein the skin penetrating elements are spaced apart from each other a distance of about 0.003 inch (0.08 mm). --

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-- 16. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein the sheet-form backing and the skin penetrating elements, including each barb, are molded integrally of a single plastic resin. --

-- 17. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein a plurality of the skin penetrating elements each define at least one groove in said outer side surface. --

Please add the following new claims:

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-- 19. A skin attachment member of plastic resin, comprising:
a sheet-form backing, and
an array of skin penetrating elements extending integrally from the backing to a distal tip, the skin penetrating elements being configured to penetrate into the epidermal skin layer and sized to limit painful contact with nerves below the epidermal skin layer,
a plurality of the skin penetrating elements each including at least one retention barb extending from an outer side surface of the skin penetrating element and configured to cooperate to resist removal of the skin attachment member from skin,
wherein said array of skin penetrating elements, including each retention barb, is molded integrally from a single plastic resin. --

-- 20. The skin attachment member of claim 18 wherein each skin penetrating element intersects said sheet form backing to define a base and each skin penetrating element tapers continuously from said base to said distal tip. --

-- 21. The skin attachment member of claim 10 wherein said two barbs of each of said plurality of skin penetrating elements are disposed at different distances from said base. --

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-- 22. The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein said barb of each of said plurality of skin penetrating elements defines a half-pyramid shape. --

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-- 23. The skin attachment member of claim 21 wherein said barb has a lower surface disposed substantially perpendicular to a central axis of the skin penetrating element from which it extends. --

